

# GERMANS START DRIVE ON RUSS CAPITAL; BOLSHEVIKI, WEAKENED BY REVOLTS, FACE EARLY DEFEAT

**Trotsky Government Men-  
aced by Foreign Foe and  
Civil Strife.**

## Red Guards Strike Terror Among Starving Coun- trymen at Kiev

Amsterdam, Feb. 18.—With Austria insisting upon the role of innocent bystander in the Eastern

war, which was renewed at noon today, Germany resumed the invasion of the Russian coast prov-

...nces, and took steps, it is reported, toward a hard and swift blow at Petrograd, in an attempt to crush Bolshevism with the force of a hammer.

All that Austria will do hereafter in a military way in the East, apparently authentic advice

state, is to "protect her communications with the Ukraine"—which means to protect the transportation of Ukrainian food into the

**Land and Sea Drive.**  
At last accounts, sent shortly after the armistice expired at noon, Ger-

man troops were sweeping northward from the Riga-Friedrichstadt front into Livonia's interior and toward Esthonia—both provinces the demand for annexation of which wrecked the

peace parleys with the Russian readi-  
cals. The main force is believed to be  
proceeding along the railway Riga-  
Volk, some 100 miles. Thence a  
strategic railroad runs almost due  
north to Petrograd, another 250 miles.  
German sea forces off the entrance o-

From Dagö Island, long since converted into a German naval base, the German fleet that invaded the Gulf of Riga just before Kerensky's downfall would have a distance of less than 100 miles to travel.

miles to cover to get to Kronstadt, the fortress guarding Petrograd. A Kronstadt lies the bulk of Russia's Baltic fleet, bottled up since the loss of Oesel, Dago and Moon Islands. On the way to Kronstadt lies Revel, the important Russian seaport.

**Finland Begg Aid.**  
From Germany there came again

today series of pitiful appeals from Finland for aid against the Red Guards. German propaganda has been busy for weeks preparing for a campaign to "liberate" Finland from the Bolsheviks. On that pretext, a landing of German troops

on Finnish soil would surprise no one. In Petrograd, meanwhile, are 46,000 German prisoners. The German press is full of stories that these are threatened with wholesale massacres. From Finland, there come the German newspapers.

Meanwhile, war of the bloodiest sort between organized mobs reigns at the southern end of the Russian front. Kiev, the Ukrainian capital,

has fallen to the Bolsheviks, after a great slaughter. The dead numbered 4,000. The Ukrainian Rada, which made the peace with the Teutons, is safe at Zhitomir, capital of Volhynia. But this place is only eighty miles southwest of Kiev. Frankfurt

appeals have been sent, therefore by the Ukrainians to Berlin and Vienna to help stem the Bolshevik tide.

**Connacks Threaten.**

Simultaneously with the reported German invasion, the Bolsheviks are threatened with attack by large Cossack forces under Gen. Alexieff. In these forces the Teutons, alert to further Russian disruption, see a new ally. They are expected to bend might

Famine is one of the Bolsheviks' greatest foes. Petrograd has been

starving for weeks and hunger is acute. One report from Petrograd today had it that the Dutch minister there had been robbed and stripped by a mob. Gen. Kaledin, the Cossack leader, continues the center of rumors. It is again reported he committed suicide.

Odessa loomed up again in today's advices as the scene of violent clashes between the moderates and Bolsheviks. Mackensen's armies still stand at Tulcea, 155 miles from the great Black

Sea port, and at Braila, 182 miles southwest of it. At the slightest pretext the Germans are expected to dash northward to take possession of Odessa, whence they could best "surperintend" the exploitation of Southern Russia's resources.

## Roosevelt Rejoices At Birth of Grandson

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—COL. ROOSEVELT was in high spirits today when told he was again a grandfather. He was sitting up in bed at the hospital when a message was received telling of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Archie Roosevelt.

at Boston. He immediately insisted on leaving his bed for an easy chair at the window, but the nurses in attendance had instructions to prevent this and he was forced to remain in bed.

at the hospital within a few days  
was announced today.